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+GOOD NEWS+

For the Community.

The never-failing sign---the Ground Hog has staid out, and will not return to his winter quarters until the cold nights of November force him; and only wide-awake men such as

J. R. RACE & CO.,

with the prospects of an early spring, have made the most elegant preparations, and have received the most Elegant line of SPRING OVERCOATS, Stylish HATS and Elegant PIECE GOODS.

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In effect January 1, 1888

WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC RAILWAY.

[NOTE—"From" denotes time of arrival; "to" denotes time of departure.

FROM ST. LOUIS.	TO ST. LOUIS.
No. 10 Pass... 9.30 p m	No. 9 Pass....6:30 a m
No. 4 Pass....11:00 a m	No. 3 Pass....3:45 a m
No. 44 Pass...11:40 a m	No. 43 Pass....1:05 a m
No. 42 Pass.. 11:00 p m	No. 45 Pass....2:40 p m
No. 2 Pass.. 11:59 p m	No. 5 Pass....3:05 p m
No. 70 Freight 5:45 p m	No. 71 Freight 5:45 a m
FROM QUINCY.	TO QUINCY.
No. 43 Pass...10 15 p m	No. 13 Pass....1:30 a m
No. 41 Pass...10 30 a m	No. 15 Pass....3 15 p m
No. 48 Acc.... 6:56 p m	No. 47 Acc.... 6 45 a m
No. 70 Freight 10.45 a m	No. 71 Freight 12:30 p m
FROM TOLEDO & DETROIT.	TO TOLEDO & DETROIT.
No. 43 Pass. 3 50 a m	No. 46 Pass...5 00 a m
No. 45 Pass.. 2 30 p m	No. 44 Pass...11 15 a m
No. 41 Pass. .10 25 p m	No. 42 Pass...11 10 p m
No. 71 Freight 5 45 p m	No. 70 Freight 6 30 a m
FROM CHICAGO.	TO CHICAGO.
No. 3 Pass ...3 55 a m	No. 2 Pass ...12 15 a m
No. 5 Pass ...2 50 p m	No. 4 Pass ...11 25 a m

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
No. 2 Pass... 7 30 a m	No. 1 Pass ... 5:32 p m
No. 4 Pass ...12:41 a m	No. 3 Pass ...10:17 a m
No. 12 Pass... 2:50 p m	No. 11 Freight 9:00 a m
No. 10 Freight 1.10 p m	No. 7 " 11.25 a m (Sunday only.)
No. 4, Champaign Line, leaves, 3.15 p m	No. 3, Champaign Line arrives, 10.00 a m

INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & SPRINGFIELD.

ARRIVE.	DEPART.
No. 1 Pass... 3.00 p m	No. 2 Pass...11.05 a m
No. 3 Pass... 4:05 a m	No. 4 Pass ..10:50 p m
No. 13 Freight 9.00 a m	No. 12 Freight 6:00 a m
No. 11 " 7.10 p m	No. 14 " 6:30 p m

PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
No. 1 Pass... 3 05 p m	No. 2 Pass...11:05 a m
No. 3 Pass... 3.40 a m	No. 4 Pass...10:10 p m
No. 19 Freight 10:55 a m	No. 20 Freight 3:00 p m

TERRE HAUTE & PEORIA.

WEST.	EAST.
No. 1 Pass....12:20 p m	No. 2 Pass....11:15 a m
No. 3 Pass ar. 7:20 p m	No. 4, Pass... 7:10 a m
No. 5 Freight 4:30 a m	No. 8 Freight, 5:00 a m
No 9 Freight 10:15 a m	No. 10 Fr'gt...12:15 a m

Assignee's Notice.

Estate of John H. Black and Frank P. Black, doing business as John H. Black & Son—Debtor

The undersigned hereby gives notice that John H. Black and Frank P. Black, doing business as John H. Black & Son, of the city of Decatur, in the county of Macon, and state of Illinois, did on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1888, transfer to the undersigned, as assignee, all their property, real and personal, for the benefit of their creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said John H. Black & Son are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the city of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

J. W. RACE, Assignee.

Dated January 6, 1888.
Jan11-d6w

All parties indebted to J. H. Black & Son are requested to call immediately and settle their accounts and notes. J. W. RACE, Assignee.
jan11-d1w

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Oct. 30-d6m.

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If the Liver becomes torpid, if the bowels are constipated, or if the stomach fails to perform its functions properly, use Ayer's Pills. They are invaluable.

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For years I have relied more upon Ayer's Pills than anything else, to

Regulate

my bowels. These Pills are mild in action, and do their work thoroughly. I have used them with good effect, in cases of Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble, and Dyspepsia. —G. F. Miller, Attleborough, Mass.

Ayer's Pills cured me of Stomach and Liver troubles, from which I had suffered for years. I consider them the best pills made, and would not be without them.—Morris Gates, Downsville, N. Y.

I was attacked with Bilious Fever, which was followed by Jaundice, and was so dangerously ill that my friends despaired of my recovery. I commenced taking Ayer's Pills, and soon regained my customary strength and vigor.—John C. Pattison, Lowell, Nebraska.

Last spring I suffered greatly from a troublesome humor on my side. In spite of every effort to cure this eruption, it increased until the flesh became entirely raw. I was troubled, at the same time, with Indigestion, and distressing pains in

The Bowels.

By the advice of a friend I began taking Ayer's Pills. In a short time I was free from pain, my food digested properly, the sores on my body commenced healing, and, in less than one month, I was cured. —Samuel D. White, Atlanta, Ga.

I have long used Ayer's Pills, in my family, and believe them to be the best pills made.—S. C. Darden, Darden, Miss.

My wife and little girl were taken with Dysentery a few days ago, and I at once began giving them small doses of Ayer's Pills, thinking I would call a doctor if the disease became any worse. In a short time the bloody discharges stopped, all pain went away, and health was restored. —Theodore Esling, Richmond, Va.

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If you have all, or any considerable number of these symptoms, you are suffering from that most common of American maladies—Bilious Dyspepsia, or Torpid Liver, associated with Dyspepsia, or Indigestion. The more complicated your disease has become, the greater the number and diversity of symptoms. No matter what stage it has reached, **Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery** will subdue it, if taken according to directions for a reasonable length of time. If not cured, complications multiply and Consumption of the Lungs, Skin Diseases, Heart Disease, Rheumatism, Kidney Disease, or other grave maladies are quite liable to set in and, sooner or later, induce a fatal termination.

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For Weak Lungs, Spitting of Blood, Shortness of Breath, Chronic Nasal Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma, Severe Coughs, and kindred affections, it is an efficient remedy.

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FEEDING MILL-STUFFS.

A Noted Farmer's Experience in Giving Mixed Food to Cattle.

In the course of a conversation on the question of feeding millstuffs to cattle, a noted farmer related his experience as follows: "Some years ago I found myself considerably short of feed, owing to an exceedingly dry summer. The corn and hay crops fell far below the average and beef sold at a miserably low figure. I had quite a herd of cattle more than I could carry through the winter, I feared; yet I would not sell my cows at from five to ten dollars per head, which was about all they brought at that time. So I bought limited quantities of bran, had all my corn ground, and stowed away for feed nearly all my straw. After the corn stalks were exhausted I had to rely entirely on straw and a small allowance of bran and corn-meal. At the outset I fed the bran separately, and my cows soon refused to eat the straw. So, in order to get the better of them I moistened the straw and mixed the bran with it, with the hope that they would consume all the straw. It had the desired effect, and, what I had not in the least anticipated, my cows yielded a much larger quantity of milk. This I could not at first account for, but finally came to the conclusion that the new ration must have something to do with it. So, in order to make sure of it, I returned to the old method in the course of a few weeks. As before, they refused to eat the straw, but no corn-meal was given to them until the straw ration was consumed. There was at once a noticeable decline in the flow of milk, and I was convinced that feeding millstuff and coarse fodder in combination was the proper way."

The experience of many farmers coincide with the above, but why does it make a difference whether it is mixed after or before it enters the stomach? Well, let us see. Cattle, as ruminants, have a stomach with four divisions or cavities. The food when first swallowed is received in the first cavity, except such portions as are already dissolved in the mouth, and such fine food as bran, linseed meal, etc. These do not stop in the first cavity, but pass directly to the third and fourth divisions. This applies to full-grown cattle only, as experiments made in this direction tend to show that this is not the case with young cattle. It would probably not be out of place to state how these facts were ascertained. Two fat cows and a steer being about to be butchered, were fed—about an hour before they were killed—several quarts of corn-meal. After the animals were killed the stomachs were examined. Nearly all the corn meal was found in the third and fourth cavities of the stomachs of the cows, while in the case of the steer it was nearly all found in the first cavity.

Now all food that is to be thoroughly digested must first be received in the first cavity, be acted upon by the secretions of the walls of that cavity, then discharged into the second cavity and likewise be acted upon by the secretions of the walls of that cavity, here formed into cuds, and these returned to the mouth to be rechewed. This pulp, mixed with saliva, is then received in the third cavity of the stomach to be prepared for the fourth, where digestion is finally completed. Now when bran or mill-feed is fed in connection with coarse fodder, by far the greater portion of it will go through the entire course of digestion, and hence will produce the desired effect. But if mill-stuffs are fed alone, the larger part of it is excreted undigested, and hence its beneficial effects are of small significance. Every farmer has observed that when cattle have eaten small grain, part of it is excreted undigested. It is precisely the same with bran and coal-meal, only in a greater degree, but it does not become apparent in the excrements because of its fineness.

In view of these considerations it is quite plain that in order to obtain the best results we should feed mill-stuffs only in combination, and not simply because the animal will consume more coarse fodder and insure a thorough digestion of the fine feed, but because it is absolutely necessary for the well being of the animal.—*Rural Home.*

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Surprising Transformation.

"I believe in that story of 'Jekyll and Hyde,'" one of the spirits of the Thirteenth club said the other night. "I have had a bit of experience in that line myself—from observation, I mean. One night last week I was in a down town place when a man came in and called for a drink. His appearance was so much against him in every way that the man at the bar asked him in advance if he had the price. The miserable looking object said he didn't have it just at that minute, but that he could get it by going around the block. The barkeeper told him he had better go around the block and not come back. Just then I came up and told the barkeeper it was all right, and the miserable looking object took his mollifier and left. In less than half an hour he was back, completely metamorphosed. He was handsomely dressed, perfectly sober, and had a roll of bills as big as my wrist, and the bills were all of big denominations. He bought wine by the basket. He was worth—at the time the barman refused him a fifteen cent drink—about $100,000. But I never saw a man's appearance change so completely as did his between the time of the refusal and the return. I asked him once afterward why he did it, and he said he wanted to make the barkeeper sick."—Chicago Mail

A New York woman is making shirts for seven cents a dozen.

PEOPLE ask what is good for a cough or a cold. The mistake many make is in letting it run too long. Dr. Bigelow's Cough Cure contains the good qualities of all the best cough remedies without the defects of any of them. A safe and speedy remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner in 50 cent and $1 bottles Healing to the lungs. Safe and pleasant for children. 1b

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36-Inch Cashmeres, in the Latest Spring Shades, at 20c per yard.

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Extra Fine 36-inch Cashmeres, in all the New Spring Shades, at 29 cents per yard.

Fine All-Wool Serges, in Grays, Browns, Olives, Mahogany, English Tan, Gobelin and Cardinal, full 36 inches wide, at 48c per yard.

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Ladies will do well to visit our DRESS TRIMMING DEPARTMENT this week. Special Display of all Latest and Newest Designs in Braids, Gimps and Fancy Ornaments for Dress Trimmings.

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Thou shall not choose unto thyself any other Merchant: thou shall not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches, for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade, capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.

III.

Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.

IV.

Thou shall bear in mind that if any day in the week you will buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.

V.

Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.

VI.

Thou shalt not commit an outrage on propriety by purchasing thy Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., elsewhere, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, where thou wilt get what thou wantest at Low Prices.

VII.

Thou shalt not seek adultrously strange styles, but go direct to Cheap Charleys, Corner of Old Square.

VIII.

Thou shalt not steal an Overcoat, for Cheap Charley sells them so cheap it would be a sin.

IX.

Thou shalt not bear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.

X.

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Notice to Tax Payers.

The taxes for the year 1887 are now due, and as the time for making the collection is shorter than in former years, by reason of a change in the law, all who are indebted for taxes are requested to call at the office and make payment of the same without delay.

Office hours from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Office with Mills Bros., over Linn & Scruggs' store. H. MAHANNAH, Collector.
Decatur, Ill., Jan. 29, 1888. j31d&w7w

$2.50 per week, for twelve weeks, will pay for a full course in shorthand and type-writing or book-keeping at Central Business College, 252 North Water street, H. Nelson, Principal. f14-d1m

D. W. BRENNEMAN & BRO. will hold a public sale, March 6, 1888, at their farm, one-half mile north of Decatur, of 40 head of Grade Clyde and Norman mares and Geldings from 3 to 5 years old. Jan28-d&w6w

THE Malleable Iron Hollow Ware made by the Home Comfort Range Co., is quite a curiosity. It is like the Ranges—indestructible. Stop at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s and see this ware. It cannot be broken. d&w

1500 New Cloaks and Wraps,

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GOLD-HEADED Silk Umbrellas, the finest in the market, at B. Stine's. dtf

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MACON COUNTY, }

In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery. To January Term A. D. 1888.

Mary E. Rice et al vs. William L. Daily et al—In Partition. No.12,012.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree entered at the January Term, A. D. 1888, by the said Court in the above entitled cause, I, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery of said Macon County, Illinois, will at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on

Friday, the 17th day of February, A. D. 1888,

at the west outside door of the Court House in said Macon county, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, provided a bid equal to two-thirds of the appraisement is secured, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to-wit: The west half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-seven (27) in township sixteen (16), north range two (2) east of the 3d P. M., containing twenty (20) acres more or less, appraised at $800.00.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-half cash in hand; balance in one year, secured by personal security and mortgage on land sold. Provided all cash can be paid, deferred payment to bear interest at rate of six per cent. per annum. Said land will be sold free of dower interest of Eliza Richardson and the lease of A. J. Anderson, and a deed will be made to the purchaser on the approval of sale.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1888.

JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon Co., Ill.
MILLS BROS., Complainants' Solicitors.
jan26-d3w

John A. Brown.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

And Master in Chancery for Macon county, Ill

Office over Linn & Scruggs' dry goods store, entrance from court house stairway.

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TUESDAY EVE., FEB. 21, 1888.

The Mt. Vernon Horror.

There never was such a disaster by wind in Illinois as that which devastated the pretty little city of Mt. Vernon on Sunday. Our news columns give full details of the terrible calamity, and it is one of the most sickening recitals ever committed to cold type. The suffering entailed is terrible, and calls loudly (and will not call in vain, we hope) for assistance. "A thousand or more homeless people" in a city of less than 3,000 population, tells briefly the sorrowful story, while half a hundred dead join their mute appeal with that of the several hundred injured for sympathy and for that substantial aid that can do most toward repairing the awful damage. The people of Illinois have never been appealed to in vain under such circumstances, and the call of these suffering people will not fall on deaf ears.

SPEAKER CARLISLE is again sick, and unable to occupy the chair.

ALL over the country Republicans are forming clubs, in anticipation of the opening of the campaign. How many will Decatur organize?

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND and his wife left Washington to-day for Florida, to revel for a brief period among the orange groves and alligator ponds of that state.

IN some places in Ohio clubs are forming with the expressed purpose of bringing about the defeat of Senator Sherman. The programme seems to be to select delegates to Chicago ostensibly for Forsker, but really in the interest of Blaine. If that is the intention the Buckeyes had probably better keep the matter to themselves. Such schemes are sure to come to naught if they are made public.

THE meeting of the Republican state central committee at Chicago, on the 6th of March, will bring together one of the largest assemblages of representative Republicans ever seen in the state at a similar meeting. Active members of the party are requested by the committee to join in the conference, and from the spirit of activity that prevails all over the state it is confidently expected that the invitation will be accepted by many of the leading spirits of the party. It will mark the opening of the campaign in Illinois.

UNION REPUBLICAN CLUB.

All those feeling an interest in the success of the principles of the Republican party, and who desire to use their influence during the coming Presidential contest to accomplish that much-desired result, are requested to meet at the Court House on Friday evening, February 24th 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a *Union Republican Club* and electing delegates to represent the same at the convention of Republican clubs to be held at Springfield, Ills., on the 8th and 9th of March, 1888, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.

Geo. R. Steele	R. H. Kirby
Geo. S. Durfee.	J. W. Smith
Isaac N. Martin.	John A. Barnes
Cy M. Imboden	F. M. Powell
J. M. Clokey.	J. W. Keaton
T. J. Abel.	Geo. E. Nichols
J. W. Clymer.	J. M. Blythe
R. P. Lytle	A. J. Jones
W. R. Bradley.	L. R. Spare
F. L. Hays.	H. F. May.
John Grass.	Ed. G. Bramble
George Grady.	Laurence McCarty.
James F. Steele.	W. H. Slaughter
J. H. Mauzy.	Edley Westbrook
Henry Fisk.	John H. Elliott
E. H. Jeffries.	R. Harwood.
Albert J. Roe.	F. B. Prevost
Richard J. Roberts	R. McIntire
W. W. Foster.	Ed. P. Vail
W. W. Shockey.	T. D. Boone
W. W. Mason	J. F. Nicholson
Jas. S. Carter.	W. H. Adams
H. Mahannah.	F. E. Piper
T. L. Evans.	D. N. Moore
J. Dunbar.	J. C. Rademaker
T. T. Roberts.	John H. Roy.
Henry Fisk.	F. M. Coy
J. L. Osborn.	J. J. Halstead
G. V. Loring.	Dayton Dunham
J. D. Templeton.	George H. Wells.
A. L. Brockway.	M. F. Kanan
Z. W. Harris.	A. H. Harris
Wm. Edwards.	Hiram Johnson.
W. H. Snorb.	John McWhirter
Andrew Lord.	W. E. Bingham
Miles Dickerson.	Ed. Haines
A. H. Baker.	L. N. Coffin.

The Council Meeting.

At the meeting of the city council, held last night, all members were present except Alderman Shoemaker. It was voted to discontinue the use of water motors in the city. The reports of Inspector Hammer and Treasurer Skelly were referred. Charles Schaniel was granted a license to sell liquor at 539 Front street. Resolutions as follows were introduced:

That a warrant be drawn in favor of County Treasurer Steele for $20.10 to cover error in amount paid to city treasurer. Adopted.

That the ordinance committee be instructed to prepare an ordinance for the paving of that portion of Morgan street between Eldorado and Cerro Gordo streets, the width of the paving to be 40 feet. Adopted.

That hereafter all water and gas mains in the city be laid in the alleys, and that the ordinance committee be instructed to present at the next regular meeting, an ordinance making such provision. Referred to ordinance committee.

That an ordinance be drawn for a six-foot sidewalk on the east side of Morgan street between Eldorado and Cerro Gordo streets. Referred to the sidewalks and crossing committee.

That the superintendent of streets be instructed to notify the Wabash Railway company to put crossings on their road at North Main and North Morgan streets. Adopted.

That the Wabash Railway company be notified to build a crossing at Mercer street. Adopted.

That the superintendent of streets be instructed to at once inform E. L. Martin and W. H. Shorb to keep the crossings used by them on North Main street clean or remove their scales. Adopted.

Final action on the ordinance for paving Water street from the Wabash railway north to the city limits, and also on the ordinance for the sewer in district 2, was deferred until the next meeting.

Mayor Kanan, City Attorney Mills and Alderman Muzzy were appointed to suggest necessary steps to have Broadway street widened from East Main to Prairie, just a block.

Supt. Alexander was instructed to drain the pond on South Union street, near John Ullrich's residence.

The council adjourned to meet again on Friday night.

MOSERHOUSE, WELLS & Co. are constantly receiving new patterns, in Wood, Iron and Slate Mantels, Vestibule and Hearth Tiles, Fine Brass Fenders, Fire Sets, and everything pertaining to this one. No larger or more complete assortment can be found elsewhere. d&w

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Reply of Secretary Endicott to the Boutelle Resolution of Inquiry.

Decision by the Inter-State Commission--The Fisheries Treaty--Romance and Pistols.

Another Lease of Life for Maxwell--The Pacific Railroad Telegraph Bill --Congressional.

Secretary Endicott's Answer to the Boutelle Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Secretary Endicott yesterday returned to the House his answer to the Boutelle resolution calling for information as to whether the flags captured by the United States have been removed from the places where they were displayed and concealed; and if so, by what authority and for what purpose; and further, as to what propositions have been made by Government officials for the surrender of those flags, and whether it is true that a portion of them were actually surrendered to persons having no right to their possession.

As a preliminary, the secretary has given a brief history of the flags. Of the whole number captured and deposited with the department 225 were United States flags originally captured by Confederates and recaptured from them, and 511 were Confederate flags taken by the United States troops, making a total of 736 in the custody of the department.

When received they were deposited in a vacant attic room of a building on Seventeenth street, occupied by the clerks of the Adjutant-General's office. In 1867 the superintendent of the building, without instructions, so far as can be ascertained, had a few of them removed to his office, where a few were placed upon the walls and the remainder upon shelves or in pigeon holes.

At that time an inventory of the flags was entered in a book, in which was also entered a description and brief history of the capture of those that could be identified as belonging to particular organizations. This remained here until the latter part of 1885.

The report shows that while some of the Confederate flags had since been given the companies or regiments capturing them, none have passed out of the custody of the department that were in such custody when Secretary Endicott assumed charge of the department. The order to return the flags, and the other relating to it, now given, and the statement made that no flags were actually returned under the first order.

As to the law requiring the public exhibition of captured flags and trophies, it is assumed that the construction put upon it by former secretaries of war and of the navy that the law applied to trophies taken from a foreign enemy, and not to those taken during domestic hostilities is the correct one.

Consideration of the report was deferred until after it is printed, and when it comes up again in the House, it is likely to provoke a lively political discussion.

Congressman Boutelle, when asked last night his opinion of Secretary Endicott's reply to his battle-flag resolutions, said it was a remarkably weak and discreditable outcome of six weeks' tinkering and twisting over a report that might easily have been made in two or three days. He said:

"I can conceive of no possible cause for the long delay except that the line of response has been repeatedly changed and a deliberate purpose to give as long life as possible to the breed of sensational reports crept out in the guise of semi-official proclamations of damaging discoveries made in regard to Republican administrations. One of the earliest and most assiduously circulated of these reports was to the effect that Secretary Stanton had set the example of surrendering rebel battle flags to the South. This statement was made to the newspapers, on the streets of Washington, and in the corridors of the capitol; and I was frequently warned that the revelation would come back at me like a boomerang. The Secretary in his reply uses language that seems plainly intended to sustain that impression, but the accompanying schedules show that there was never a word of truth in the insinuation, and that no captured flag or banner was ever surrendered to the South by Mr. Stanton or any of his Republican successors. I dislike to charge to Mr. Endicott's feeble play upon words in this connection. The records given show, and only show, that under Mr. Stanton and later secretaries a number of flags of loyal troops captured by the rebels and recaptured by Union forces were restored to the loyal troops who bore them, and that a number of Confederate battle-flags were given to the military or official representatives of the loyal troops who captured them or were loaned for display at some military or other patriotic occasion. The reiterated reports that Secretary Stanton inaugurated the return of battle flags to the South are proved by the documents sent to the House by Mr. Endicott to have been despicable slanders upon the memory of President Lincoln's great war minister. Another curious fact is that on the second of this month the New York *Times* published what it claimed to be an authentic outline of Secretary Endicott's reply, which it said would contain the admission "that a number of flags have been returned to individuals during this administration, and that some were returned in accordance with the President's order before its revocation. The report thus outlined was not sent in; but after three weeks' more of delay the secretary guardedly says that none of the flags have passed out of the custody of the department during this administration. Just how far the custody of the department may be construed to stretch geographically south of Mason and Dixon's line, I am unable to say. The secretary's plea that his predecessors had construed the law as not applying to trophies captured from rebel forces is not sustained by any citation, but is negatived by the fact that his predecessors did collect the flags captured from the rebels and cause them to be displayed in one of the public halls of the War Department. But the climax of this effort at special pleading is reached when Secretary Endicott complacently sums up the matter by saying that a large number of captured flags have been disposed of by Republican administrations, but that not one has been given up by the patriots now in power. He does not remark that no Republican administration ever suggested the idea of surrendering one of these trophies to hands that had borne them against the Union, but that President Cleveland and Secretary Endicott deliberately proposed to surrender more than five hundred of these precious emblems of loyal valor to the Confederate States. He recognized in the President's order that they were only prevented by such an outburst of popular indignation as has not been witnessed in the loyal North since the political associates of President Cleveland and his Secretary of War opened fire on Fort Sumter.

Decision by the Inter-State Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission yesterday announced an opinion by Chairman Cooley in the case of the complaint of the Danville (Va.) Chamber of Commerce against the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company. The complaint contained a number of charges, the chief of which were that it made excessive rates; that it discriminated in its charges against the merchants and traders of Danville and in favor of the merchants and traders of Richmond, Lynchburg and Charlottesville, and especially that it discriminated by refusing to give to merchants and traders at Danville in respect to merchandise purchased by them at Richmond and other points through rates from the point of purchase to the point at which they might make sale thereof. Through rates to Danville from both directions were complained of; but the commission holds that in so far as the rates are made by other companies without the participation of the defendant, the defendant does not charge itself with any responsibility therefor by merely giving the rates in addition to its own to any one who asks for through rates.

The commission holds that the justice of local rates can not be determined by a comparison of them with the rates charged on long through lines upon which the freights are carried for long distances in great volume and at relatively very much less expense than like freights can be carried when moved in less quantities and for comparatively short distances.

The commission holds that the railroad can not be compelled to give the same rate for the two shipments, say, for instance, from Richmond, Va., to Danville, and then re-shipped to Goldsboro, N. C., that it gives where there is but one shipment direct from Richmond to Goldsboro. The fact that its refusing to do so operates in favor of one town or adversely to another, does not charge it with unjust discrimination, which must consist in doing for or allowing to one party or place what is denied to another. It can not be predicated of action which in itself is impartial.

The Fisheries Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The secret session of the Senate yesterday was devoted to the consideration of the fishery treaty. An effort was made by Senator Frye and others to order its immediate publication. This would have been successful, but for the fact that the Senate found itself powerless in the face of its own code of rules to do what it desired. To make the matter public in advance of the proclamation of the President would require a change of rules, and to even discuss a proposed change requires the giving of one days' notice. The treaty is said to be very like the forecasts of it already published. During its reading yesterday considerable interest was manifested in the paragraph setting forth that the privilege of going into Canadian ports to buy bait shall be withheld by Canada unless Congress shall make laws providing for the free admission of Canadian fish and oil.

Senators friendly to the Administration say that all that could have been expected has been accomplished by the Secretary of State. Republicans, on the other hand, claim that Canada's interpretation of the treaty of 1818 has been sustained. The text of the treaty will probably be first received from Ottawa on Thursday next, when the Dominion Parliament convenes.

The Illness of Mr. W. W. Corcoran.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Mr. W. W. Corcoran was reported no better last night. His physician, Dr. Garnett, says that his disease is a form of senile bronchitis, which frequently attacks persons of advanced age. Yesterday he took a little milk punch and the juice of meat. This is the only form of food that is given him. He takes occasionally a little champagne. He sleeps most of the time, but when any one he knows comes into the room and speaks to him, he rouses up and recognizes them. He is conscious, but seems to have lost the power of continuous thought. His granddaughter, Miss Lily Eustis, arrived from New York yesterday morning. She went at once to Mr. Corcoran's bedside and spoke to him, and he greeted her pleasantly. No one is allowed to see him except the immediate members of his family, all of whom are now in the city. A great many people are at the house during the day to make inquiries and to get the latest bulletins from the sick room.

Mr. Corcoran has nothing to disturb him. All the arrangements in regard to his property have been determined, and with the business exactness which has characterized him through life, he has even arranged the details of the manner of the burial of his remains.

Convention-Seeking Delegations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The delegations from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, San Francisco and New York City that will press the claims of their respective cities for the honor of entertaining the next Democratic National convention were all on hand last night. But few of the members of the National Democratic committee are yet in town, so the struggles between these rivals has not yet fairly begun. The New Yorkers arrived last night, and included a contingent of a dozen or more prominent hotel proprietors of that city. Vigorous and earnest work and talk will begin to-night, by which time, it is expected, nearly all of the members of the National committee will have arrived here.

Another Lease of Life for Maxwell.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—In the United States Supreme Court yesterday the Chief Justice gave notice that mandates to enforce the decisions of the court would issue in all cases decided previously to January 1, except those in which petitions for rehearing are pending, and those docketed and dismissed under the ninth rule. In view of the fact that a petition for a rehearing has been forwarded, but not received in the Maxwell-Preller murder case, the issue of the mandate in that case is postponed. The effect of this will be to put off for the present the execution of the sentence of death pronounced upon Brocks, alias Maxwell by the State court.

Romance and Gunpowder.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A shooting affray occurred in Willard's hotel Saturday night. The story goes that a gentleman and lady arrived here on Saturday and took adjoining apartments in the hotel. Shortly afterward another gentleman arrived at the hotel and registered. It is said that the last arrival called on the first and demanded admittance to his room. On being refused he fired a pistol, the bullet passing through the door and grazing the nose of the object of his wrath. It is said that the gentleman who did the shooting was engaged to the young lady, and his intention was to kill his successful rival. The parties to the affair are said to have come from New York.

A Bill Providing for the Reorganization of the Postal Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The bill introduced in the House yesterday by Mr. Blount, of Georgia, chairman of the committee on post-offices and post roads, providing for the reorganization of the postal service, proposes to divide the postmasters into three classes. The salaries of the first two classes are to be in proportion to the gross receipts of the offices, and will range from $1,500 to $6,000, with allowances for rent, light, fuel, etc. In the case of the third class, the compensation is to be fixed by a sliding scale based upon the receipts, ranging from $63 to $127 per quarter.

The Cleveland Breakwater—Pacific Railroad Telegraph Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—On motion of Mr. Foran, of Ohio, a resolution was adopted by the House yesterday calling on the Secretary of War for copies of all plan and papers in his office relative to the breakwater at Cleveland.

A resolution was adopted making the Pacific Railroad Telegraph bill a special order for March 3.

The Resolution Changing the Date of Inauguration Day Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House yesterday refused by a vote of yeas 129, to nays 128, (not the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative) to pass the Hoar joint resolution, changing the date of inauguration day, and extending until April 30, 1889, the term of the Fiftieth Congress.

A Bill to Reimburse the State of New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A bill was introduced in the Senate yesterday by both of the New York Senators providing for the payment of twenty-six million dollars to the State of New York for principal and interest paid by that State in aid of the suppression of the rebellion.

Receiver Appointed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Comptroler of the Currency has appointed Judge S. Edwin Day, of Moravia, N. Y., as receiver of the First National Bank of Albany.

THE FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb 20.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Blair presented a petition so large in bulk that he could scarcely lift it. The petition contained fifteen thousand names, and had been circulated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Knights of Labor. It is in favor of legislation for the better protection of women and girls and the punishment of offenses against them. The petition was referred to the judiciary committee

He also presented prohibition petitions from the same source.

In reference to the mammoth petition, Mr. Blair said that the traffic in young girls in the great cities had become so infamous as to call forth this petition with signers from every part of the country and to demand Federal legislation.

Mr. Chandler introduced a bill providing for the supervision of the affairs of the District of Columbia by the Secretary of the Interior.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the bill granting pensions to ex-soldiers and sailors who are incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and providing for pensions to dependent relatives of deceased soldiers and sailors, was made the special order for to-morrow.

Mr. Hoar offered a resolution, which was agreed to, ordering that on Wednesday next the farewell address of Washington be read to the Senate by the presiding officer at the conclusion of the morning business.

Mr. Voorhees suggested that after the reading an adjournment of the Senate should be provided for. He thought that that would be a proper mark of respect for the day

Mr. Hoar remarked that that would be within the power of the Senate

The Washington Electric Cable Street Railway Company bill was then taken up. Discussion of the bill proceeded slowly enough until an amendment was reached, requiring the rails to be of American manufacture

Mr. Edmunds suggested informally, and in a low tone of voice, that that was in opposition to President Cleveland's message, and at variance with all the principles of the Administration.

Mr. Vance opposed the amendment as unusual in a bill of this character, and altogether absurd.

Mr. Edmunds, in order to have the votes of Senators placed on the record on this indirect tariff question, demanded the yeas and nays. The vote was taken, and the amendment was adopted—yeas, 25; nays, 17—as follows:

Yeas—Blair, Bowen, Brown, Chase, Chandler, Davis, Dawes, Edmunds, Farwell, Frye, Gorman, Hiscock, Hoar, Manderson, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Palmer, Platt, Plumb, Riddleberger, Spooner, Stanford, Stewart, Stockbridge—25

Nays—Bate, Blackburn, Call, Coke, Daniel, Eustis, George, Gibson, Hampton, Harris, Hearst, Pugh, Reagan, Vance, West, Walthall, Wilson (Md.)—17.

Among the pairs announced were the following: Cullom with Gray; Evarts with Morgan; Hale with Beck.

The bill, which was about half completed, was laid aside informally.

Mr. Palmer, from the committee on agriculture, reported the bill for the establishment of a bureau of animal industry, which was placed on the calendar.

The Senate, then, at four o'clock, went into secret session, and at 5 30 p. m adjourned.

HOUSE

The Speaker laid before the House the response of the Secretary of War to the Boutelle battle-flag resolution. Referred to committee on military affairs.

A resolution was adopted fixing March 3 for the consideration of the Pacific Railroad Telegraph bill.

Under the call of States, the following bills, among others, were introduced and referred:

Relating to the duties and compensation of United States marshals and attorneys.

Regulating the classification and compensation of postmasters

Increasing the compensation of third-class postmasters.

For the improvement of navigation in the Harlem river.

For the construction of an appraisers' warehouse at Brooklyn.

For the apportionment (on the basis of illiteracy) of sixty-five million dollars for educational purposes

A resolution requesting the committee on ways and means to report back a bill repealing internal revenue taxes.

Directing the committee on education to report back the Blair Educational bill before March 20.

To amend the Homestead law so that only eighty acres can be entered, instead of one hundred and sixty, and to permit only American citizens to enter homesteads.

Joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment extending the presidential term to eight years.

Bills were introduced and referred for the erection of public buildings at the following named places: Sterling, Ill.; South Bend, Ind.; Burlington, Ia.; Saco, Me.; Opelousas La.; Canton, O.; Sheboygan, Green Bay and Janitoba, Wis; Yankton, Dak., and Oberlin, Kas.

Two reports from the Secretary of State were presented, conveying invitations to the United States to participate in the International Geodetic Association at Berlin.

Mr. Culbertson, from the committee on the judiciary moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, proposing a constitutional amendment, changing the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to April 30, and extending the term of the Fiftieth Congress to April 30, 1889.

Mr. Collins (Mass.) supported the measure, the practical effect of which would be, he said, to extend the short session into a long one, in which the necessary business of Congress could be transacted.

Mr. Crain (Tex.) opposed the resolution, and called attention to the resolution which he had introduced, providing that Congress shall begin on the 1st of January

Mr. Henderson (Ill.) did not think that the resolution should be adopted in its present form, and he spoke in favor of a change, requiring Congress to meet on the first Monday in October.

Mr. Buckalew (Penn.) spoke in opposition to the proposition, because it would prove a barrier to the adoption of a much more certain and valuable change of fundamental law.

Mr. Cox (N. Y.) said that the very highest possible refinement of Republican principles was the amendment of the Constitution under prescribed rules, and in the present instance Congress was only applying to its constituents for the right to extend two months. Two months added to the short session would be of great benefit to the public interests, and if Congress could glorify inauguration day with something besides a snow-storm, let it do so.

After further discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution was lost—yeas, 139, nays, 136—not the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative, and the House at 5:30 p. m adjourned

THE MT. VERNON DISASTER.

Latest Authentic Reports of the Killed and Injured by the Cyclone.

Governor Oglesby Issues a Proclamation Asking Aid for the Sufferers--The Destruction of Property.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 26—The latest reports from Mount Vernon, Ill., this morning say, that 38 were killed, over 300 injured, many very badly, and 387 houses destroyed, burned and damaged by yesterday's cyclone. There was no damage at Nortonville, and there is no news from any other point than Mount Vernon. The following is an authoritative list of the killed and wounded as far as ascertained:

KILLED.

Mrs. Russell Dewey.
John Waters and baby.
Henry Waters.
David F Yearwood and wife.
John C. Murray.
W. Cummings, an engineer.
Mary Westbrook.
James Parsons.
Mrs. Holcomb.
Dr. John Yearwood and wife.
Samuel Yearwood and wife.
George Purcell.
Mrs. Wm. Johns and child.
John Dodson.
Miss Josie Sutton.
John Shew.
A blacksmith, name not known.

FATALLY INJURED.

Lawler E. Legg.
Mrs. Henry Waters.
Miss Laura Lasenby.
Charles Ellis.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Galbraith.
Mrs. Weir.
Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook.
Amanda Berden.
W. H. Herman.
Lizzie Bennett.
J. C. Hanbrick.
Charles Poole.
Mrs. Corinne Hanbrick.
Brownlow Hawkins.
Mrs. Allbright.
Henry Ellis.
Mr. Millcroft.
Joel Howard.

At midnight last night thirty-one dead bodies had been recovered from the ruins. Engineer Lillicrop died at eleven o'clock. Many miraculous escapes are reported.

MT. VERNON, Ill., Feb. 20.—Among the injured, but who will recover, are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Hattie Snow, Emory Maddox, Miss Lauth, John Gan (colored), Sam Pontney, Mrs. Cutts' family of five persons; George Jones and one daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Galbraith, Chas. Wier, Amanda Bearden.

The following are believed to have no chance of recovery: Mrs. T. Maddox, Mrs. Hy. Waters, Nick Morgan and wife, Joe Safford and wife, Mrs. Gabe Gines, John Dodson and wife, Miss Lizzie Bonnet, Corinne Umbrich, Mrs. D. Jacob Albracht, Mrs. Lillie Craft and Mrs. Abe Hicks.

The chairman of the relief committee yesterday notified Governor Oglesby of the number of the suffering in this city, and last evening the Governor issued a proclamation appealing for immediate aid, and requesting mayors of cities and all religious and charitable associations, societies and organizations to raise contributions for the relief of the people.

The Killing of Captain Whitehurst.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 21.—The killing of Captain Whitehurst has caused intense excitement in East Baltimore, where he was well and favorably known among the oyster men and commission merchants. An indignation meeting was held yesterday at the business house of Hanson P. Barnes & Sons. Speeches were made denouncing the action of the captain of the police boat Folly, and it was claimed that no navy could be formed under other than United States rights to shoot down people on the high seas. A committee was appointed "to inquire whether the police boats are authorized by the Constitution to destroy the lives of inoffensive dredgers." The body of Captain Whitehurst arrived in Baltimore last night.

Couldn't Fix the Responsibility.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 21.—The coroner's jury met yesterday to inquire into the cause of Captain Whitehurst's death, who was killed on the Nichols on Saturday night during an encounter with the police boat Folly. The testimony of those who participated in the battle shows that it lasted for half an hour. The evidence given by the crew of the Folly was to the effect that the Nichols had been ordered to heave to, but refused to obey, and Captain Clark, of the Folly, ordered his men to open fire, which was hotly returned by the Nichols, the Leary, and another oyster sloop. Upon the testimony, the jury decided that it was impossible to say who killed Captain Whitehurst.

Joseph Pulitzer Going Blind.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The *Commercial Advertiser* says Mr. Joseph Pulitzer will probably become totally blind. His treatment at Santa Barbara has not been successful.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to *brace up* Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, rad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. A3

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Ye Olden Time Tea Party.

On the evening of Wednesday, February 22, (Washington's birthday) the ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a novel reception and entertainment at Music Hall—a festival of music, costuming and refreshments that will carry the patrons back to the old colonial days. The main feature of the affair will be "Martha Washington's Tea Party," with all that the name implies, white wigs, velvets, dignity and beauty. Mrs. J. H. Bevans will personate Martha, and John Irwin will make up as George Washington. Mrs. J. E. Bering as Mrs. John Quincy Adams will see that all are served with real tea, cake and other refreshments. C. W. Montgomery and Miss Anna Berry are to lead in singing the old time music. The ladies have been busily engaged in preparing for this odd entertainment. All arrangements are completed. Remember the date, February 22, at Music Hall, and be present. 115-d1d

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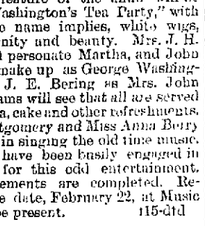

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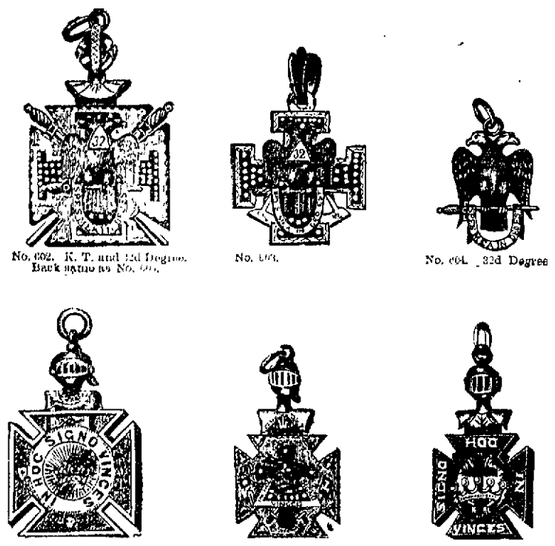

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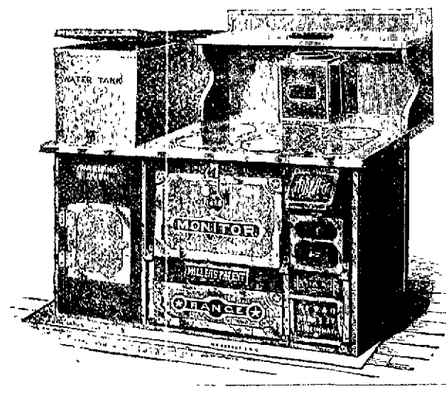

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LOCAL NEWS.

FOR dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

THE Decatur banks will be closed to-morrow.

26 DEGREES above zero this morning. Clear and cool.

ATTEND the Martha Washington Tea Party at Music Hall to-morrow evening.

Dr. J. N. Bills left for Chicago to-day to be absent a week or two. He goes to Chicago to take a series of Turkish baths.

Go to Harry Snarr's for Gunther's Mead. 20-d6

THE belt street railway line for the first and fifth wards is generally commended. It's a go.

TELEPHONE to Niedermeyer on the Mound for good potatoes and groceries.

SEE churning Minnie Maddern to-morrow night.

Go to Harry Snarr's for cold soda water. 20-d6

AN extra effort will be made to set the stage handsomely for Minnie Maddern to morrow night.

THE Wabash cannon ball of the T., P. & W. line will be discontinued on the first of March. It will run by the way of Decatur instead of through Peoria.

You cannot help liking White Loaf flour. All groceries sell it.

SATURDAY afternoon in Justice Odor's court Fred Behrend, sr., will have a hearing for disturbing the peace at his home in Pollockville.

THE Peoria *Transcript* of to-day has a column and a quarter write-up of Minnie Maddern, her excellent company, and play, headed "The acme of art without artfulness in acting." The notice is an excellent one.

FOR all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and rolls, go to the bakery of Aungst & Dowling, 633 North Morgan street. None better in the city. jan30-d6f

THE Musin company will give our people a rare musical treat on Thursday evening.

Go to Harry Snarr's for Hot Soda Water. 20-d6

THE indications are that Miss Maddern, in "Caprice," will have one of the finest audiences of the season to-morrow night. The sale of seats is good.

SEE Knode & Osborne at 121 North Water street for good groceries and delicious fruits.

THE Decatur ladies praise Hatfield & Co.'s White Foam flour because it has no superior.

M. OVIDE-MUSIN, the great violinist, plays Paganini's Prayer from "Moses in Egypt" on a single string. Hear him and his company of musical artists Thursday evening at Music Hall.

"DISEASES, desperate grown, by desperate appliances are relieved, or not at all." The point of wisdom is to check them before they reach so far by buying a bottle of Salvation Oil. Prices 25 cents.

"CONSPIRACIES no sooner should be formed than executed," and a cold should no sooner be taken than a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup should be bought and used according to the directions.

FRESH meat and anything you want in the family grocery line can be had at George Ruebsamen's store.

THE Woman's Relief Corps will have a sociable in G. A. R. hall (over Blenz's meat market) next Thursday evening—February 23d. Oysters, coffee and lunch in abundance. The public is cordially invited to attend. By the president.

TELEPHONE to W. H. Shorb for coal, kindling wood and stock feed. Plenty of room for storage of stoves and furniture.

AS a toilet article, Ayer's Hair Vigor stands unrivalled. It cleanses the scalp and removes dandruff, cures itching humors, restores the original color to faded and gray hair, and promotes its growth.

THE finest mackerel in the city at Moore Bros.' grocery store in Opera block.

GIVE the Boston Combination coffee a trial. Lehman & Bolen make a specialty of this coffee.

Dramatic Reading.

Mrs. Siddons captured her audience before the first number was finished and carried it with her to the close. The programme was a varied and interesting one and arranged in a manner well calculated to sustain the interest of the audience throughout the entire evening.—*Portland Argus.*

Scott-Siddons will appear at the opera house Friday night.

STOP in at J. Lytle & Co.'s grocery store. There you will find fruits, vegetables, fresh oysters and nice country butter.

Meeting To-Night.

A meeting of citizens of the fourth ward will be held to-night at Meyer's Hall, 208 South Broadway, to take action in the matter of petitioning the city council to have South Broadway from East Wood street south properly graded. It is the desire of the property owners to have part of the hill cut down and the street brought to grade.

NO OTHER spring medicine has won for itself such universal confidence as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the most powerful combination of vegetable alteratives ever offered to the public, and is acknowledged by the medical profession to be the best blood purifier.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING.

Republicans Getting Ready to Nominate a Candidate for Supreme Judge.

In compliance with the invitation extended through Hon. M. F. Keenan, an important conference of Republican chairmen of county central committees, comprising the 16 counties in this, the third supreme court district, is in progress this afternoon in this city. The object is to form a district central committee, preparatory to issuing a call for a convention to be held, at which a Republican candidate for supreme court judge will be nominated to be voted for in June next.

THE CHAIRMEN.

Below are the names of the chairmen of the various committees:

McLean County—A. L. Barnes, Bloomington.
Livingston—H. P. McDowell, Pontiac.
Ford—F. L. Cook, Paxton.
Iroquois—R. W. Hilscher, Watseka.
Vermilion—W. R. Jewell, Danville.
Champaign—P. Richards, Urbana
Piatt—W. A. Reyer, Monticello.
Douglas—F. M. Friend, Tuscola.
Moultrie—L. Lambrecht, Sullivan
Coles—C. E. Wilson, Mattoon
Edgar—J. W. Howell, Paris
Sangamon—George N. Black, Springfield.
Logan—Joseph Hodnett, Lincoln.
Tazewell—R. S. Conklin, Pekin
DeWitt—W. F. Calhoun, *Clinton.*
Macon—W. F. Kanan, Decatur.

B. D. Lucas represents McLean and Livingston county, and C. G. Eckhardt, Douglas county.

DATE OF CONVENTION.

The convention will be held in Decatur on Thursday, April 12th.

An Old Bankrupt Case.

An old case in bankruptcy, under the law of 1867, which was killed in 1882, is to-day receiving the attention of Mr. J. C. Lake, register in bankruptcy for this district. In 1878 W. S. Scott, then in business at Tuscola, Ill., owing creditors about $30,000, filed his application, and since then the matter has been unsettled. Mr. Scott is now at Los Angeles, California. The creditors include John Ervin, Brown Ervin, C. W. Calvert, George W. Smith and A. C. Sluss, of Tuscola; Simeon Busey, of Urbana; Stephen and Howard Gates, of Hays, Douglas county, and others. It appears that Mr. Scott has some property, and the creditors are here to secure the appointment of an assignee: John Color, of Sadorus, and John Ervin, of Tuscola, are candidates for assignee. The creditors are divided as to their preferences for assignee. Register Lake after hearing the objections will name the man to settle the case. Mr. Ervin will probably be appointed.

The County Court.

People vs. John Somerville and John Welty, selling liquor to an inebriate. Verdict of jury, defendants not guilty.

People vs. Joseph Wissen, selling liquor to an inebriate. Trial by jury pending.

People vs. Joseph Wissen, selling liquor to an inebriate. Nolle entered.

People vs. Michael Cavanaugh, gaming. Nolle entered.

New Street Car Line.

About 100 property owners of the first and fifth wards met at C. F. Kincaid's grocery store on North Calhoun street last night, and with Ed. S. McDonald as chairman and Mr. Kincaid as secretary, proceeded to give expression favorable to the proposition of constructing a belt street railway line to extend on Herkimer street from North Water east to Jasper, south on Jasper to East Prairie and west on Prairie street to the business centre of the city. It is proposed to tunnel under the railway crossings of the Illinois Central, the Wabash, and the I., D. & S. roads, the tracks to be raised about 18 inches. The tunnels will permit teams to pass under the tracks and the railway companies would have exclusive use of the streets.

The following committees were appointed. Executive: E. S. McDonald, R. H. Hamilton, Dr. Brownlee. Soliciting: John Giblen, H. E. Foster, Hon. W. B. Chambers, Frank Shull, John T. Roberts, Mark Moran, Theron Powers, B. H. Cassell, John Rostock, J. M. Clokey, A. Harpstrite, Ole Johnson, C. T. Kincaid. Committee on meeting: Pete Dempsey, Fred Zimmerman, Dr. Brownlee.

The construction of the new line would be a great convenience to the people of that part of the city. It would draw patronage from the railways, the factories, coal mines, and greatly enhance the value of property in that section.

The committees will meet Wednesday night at the office of Attorney McDonald. Another public meeting will be held on the 27th.

"Ye Hatchet Partie."

Will be given by the "Y's" in celebration of Washington's birthday, at Music Hall, this evening, February 21st. The members of Ye Hatchet Familie are represented as follows:

Georgiana Washington Hatchet	Miss Ada Boyd
Johanna Adams Hatchet	Florence Adams
Tomagne Jefferson Hatchet	Marian Able
Jemima Monroe Hatchet	Virgie Smith
J. Quincina Adams Hatchet	Celeste Hoffman
Andrewsia Jackson Hatchet	Grace Baldwin
Wilhemina Henrietta Hatchet	Eliza Hall
Johnsetta Tyler Hatchet	Lucy Johnson
Marty Van Buren Hatchet	Anna Dillon
Jimpy Keturah Hatchet	Frances Simpson
Zachorina Taylor Hatchet	Ada Eyeman
Minnrella Fillmore Hatchet	Fannie Loeber
The Young Chopper	Alleston Freeman

After the program refreshments will be served by young ladies dressed in costumes of "Ye Olden Tyme." Tickets ten cents.

ON and after Thursday, February 22nd, Mrs. Sedgwick's dancing classes, will meet on the second floor of the knitting factory. Feb21-d2t

GEORGE T. BIVANS, accused of stealing a gold watch from S. B. Crissey, waived examination in Justice Odor's court, and was committed to jail in default of $500 bail.

IT is a pleasure to deal at Hanks & Patterson's grocery store, because the proprietors are courteous and fill all orders promptly. They make no mistakes.

The Drummer Comedy.

Frank Howard and his company will present "Sam'l of Posen" at the opera house Thursday night. An exchange said:

A large audience at the opera house last evening was much surprised at the excellence of the rendering of "Sam'l of Posen," which will be repeated this and to-morrow evenings. The company is a good one, and Mr. Howard proved a rival of Mr. Curtis in the character of the Jew drummer. His acting was even throughout and his dialect good. Miss Lascelles made a very pleasing *Rebecca*, and the other members of the company did good work.

WHEN you buy a musical instrument, get a good one. C. B. Prescott will give you prices.

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Embracing Underwear, Scarfs Handkerchiefs, Half-hose, in the best goods, and at the lowest prices. LINN & SCRUGGS. daw

He Was at Mt. Vernon.

A. J. Crawford, representing the Detroit Casket Co., was in Decatur to-day. He spent yesterday at Mt. Vernon, where he viewed the destruction wrought by the cyclone of Sunday evening. He says it was a fearful looking sight, two-thirds of the town leveled to the ground, including whole blocks of brick buildings, 34 people killed outright and 150 wounded, mostly bruised. Those who went through the whirl and lived to tell the story relate hair-raising accounts of their experience. Mr. Crawford says the survivors were wild with fright yesterday, and there is mourning in many households. Aid for the sufferers is coming in from every direction and all the physicians for miles around are at the scene of the catastrophe. Mr. C. thinks that while the court house was destroyed, most of the supreme and appellate court records are saved. The eastern end of the town looks as if it had been swept over by a fire—everything flat.

The Lecture.

"No," was the subject of Dr. James Hedley's lecture at the opera house last night, a theme that was eloquently and forcibly presented by the talented gentleman, whose home is at Cleveland, Ohio. It was the fifth entertainment of the Decatur Lecture Course, and was pronounced one of the best of the series, embracing as it did wholesome advice to young and old, pleasing anecdotes which served more pointedly to illustrate the noble thoughts advanced. He advised everybody to have the courage to say "no," when tempted to do wrong, to live correct lives—be manly and womanly in all things. The lecturer was introduced by Mr. E. A. Gastman, and for nearly two hours he commanded the fixed attention of a very large and cultivated audience. The Doctor is an accomplished elocutionist, and by his address made many friends. The next entertainment of the course will occur on March 8, when James Whitcomb Riley will appear.

HELP MT. VERNON.

A Chance for Decatur to Aid Cyclone Sufferers.

There are hundreds of sufferers by the destructive cyclone of Sunday evening at Mt. Vernon. The people need financial aid and generous people are responding to the call. Decatur has an opportunity to contribute her share. Minnie Maddern and her company will appear in "Caprice" at the opera house to-morrow night. Mr. Haines, the local manager, and Arthur Miller, representing the company, have arranged to give 20 per cent. of the gross receipts of the entertainment to the Mt. Vernon people, the amount to be placed in the hands of Mayor Kanan to be forwarded to Mt. Vernon on Thursday.

PROPOSITION ACCEPTED.

The following telegraphic correspondence is self-explanatory:

PEORIA, ILL., Feb. 21.—*Frank W. Haines, Manager:*—If you are willing Miss Maddern will give twenty per cent. of gross to Mt. Vernon sufferers. Answer. ARTHUR E. MILLER.

ANSWER.

DECATUR, ILL., Feb. 21.—*A. E. Miller, Peoria:*—Accepted. The company and myself jointly will give twenty per cent. Mayor M. F. Kanan has agreed to count the tickets and represent the Mt. Vernon sufferers. F. W. HAINES.

Decatur should turn out in full force to aid the sufferers. There has been a large advance sale of seats. The performance ought to net Mt. Vernon $100.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Remley, on Feb. 20, a son. "Next."

E. W. Shively has recovered from his illness and is on duty at his art gallery.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mize, Feb. 20, a daughter.

Rev. Sophie Gibb has returned from Avon, Ill.

A. W. Clarkson and wife left last evening from Hot Springs, Ark.

John L. Pickering, of the *Capital Idea*, Springfield, is in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Bills left for Chicago this morning, to be gone several days.

Mrs. Will Condell and Mrs. Ed Piper and son, of St. Louis, are in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Wheelock, of Omaha, Neb., are in the city visiting relatives.

Budge Brown, who is connected with a plumbing firm at Kansas City, is in town on a visit.

Rev. Scrimger and Rev. Dr. Buck attended the jubilee services at Illiopolis yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller wish to thank their friends and neighbors, who assisted them in their recent bereavement.

Luther Martin and George Gillen left to-day for No Man's Land and Texas, on a prospecting trip, with a view of locating a brick and tile factory.

Lon Tuttle, who was taken sick at the High School building to-day, had to be taken home in a carriage. He is better this evening.

Fred Behrend and Mrs. Henrietta Grokowski, of Decatur; Frank Bauer, of Ithni, Miss Susannah Jubb, of Niantic, were granted marriage licenses to-day.

Hon. W. R. Jewell, the genial editor of the Danville *News* and chairman of the Republican central committee for Vermilion county, is in the city to-day. He paid his respects to the REPUBLICAN.

Hon. W. F. Calhoun of Clinton; Geo. N. Black, J. Otis Humphrey and Bluford Wilson of Springfield, R. S. Conklin of Pekin, Joseph Hodnett of Lincoln, are at the St. Nicholas.

S. P. Curtis, of Oakland, Ill., nephew of Justice Curtis, was in the city last night on his way to Wellington, Kansas, to visit his brother, Carlos Curtis, who is mayor of that city.

Hon. A. J. Lester, of the law firm of Conkling & Lester, Springfield, is in the city, looking after the interests of creditors in the bankruptcy proceedings of W. S. Nelson, late of Tuscola.

W. B. Brinton, of Tuscola, member of the democratic state central committee, for the fifteenth district, is at the St. Nicholas. He is not an enthusiastic Black man by any means, though he is from Gen. Black's district.

The inimitable, the omnipresent, the only Phocion, is in town to-day, keeping watch over the Republican conference of county chairmen, seeing that no mistake is made and rights lost as a result of their deliberations.

Bloomington *Pantagraph:* Mr. Henry Bachrach, one of the directors of the Decatur base ball club, was in the city Friday night en route to Chicago via the hummer. He is very enthusiastic on base ball matters. While he is naturally for his home team he has a good word for some of the Bloomington team, with whom he is well acquainted. He thinks that the Decatur club will get Staley before the season is over. He thinks Staley should have waited another year before tackling the work he has attempted. The season at Decatur opens April 15.

THE Opera block grocers, Moore Bros., invite you to give them a call. They carry a full line of fruits and vegetables.

The Poultry Club.

At the called meeting of the Macon County Poultry Club, held last night at the St. Nicholas hotel, officers were elected as follows:

President—E. T. Seger.

Vice-Presidents—Frank L. Stevenson, Decatur; W. A. Hinkle, Forsyth; A. H. Johnson, Illiopolis; D. A. McCrory, Elwin; W. F. Jacobs, Emery.

Secretary and Treasurer—R. J. Simpson, Decatur.

Members of the Executive Board—E. T. Seger, R. J. Simpson, H. W. Bartholomew, C. F. Churchman, W. A. Hinkle, E. D. Bartholomew and F. L. Stevenson.

Superintendent—Theo. K. Bobb.

The next exhibition will be held at Decatur January 2 to 9, 1889, and B. F. Pierce, of Indianapolis, will be the judge.

Consecration Meeting.

The Union consecration meeting of the young people's Christian Endeavor Societies of Decatur, held at the Christian church last evening, was largely attended. F. W. Stafford, president of the Union, presided. About 60 members of the societies took part in the exercises.

THE police made two more raids on small fry gamblers last night. In the room over Keister's saloon they captured John Blackburn, J. J. Jones, George Wilson, S. J. Wilson, Nate Reed, W. R. Elliott and Ruth Gardner. In Doug Mullen's room on Merchant street James Smith, Joe Dansby, Perry Davis, George Holmes, Lee Faulkner and Mullens were arrested. The parties will have a hearing this afternoon. Officers Bailey, Midkiff, Stober and Imboden did the work. Heavy fines in the county court do not frighten the gamblers. How would a good, healthy rock pile strike them?

COLORED REPUBLICAN CLUB.

All the colored citizens of Decatur who feel an interest in the success of the party which was instrumental in the emancipation of our race by the immortal Lincoln, and who desire the success of the principles of universal liberty, equal rights before the law and justice to all men, the exercise of the right of the elective franchise, without restraint or intimidation, in all the states, and a fair and honest count of the ballot, and who believe that by the maintenance and enforcement of the principles of the Republican party these blessings can best be secured, are requested to meet at the office of the County Treasurer on Thursday evening, February 23d, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Colored Republican Club and electing delegates to represent them in the Convention of Republican Clubs to be held at Springfield, Ill., on the 8th and 9th of March, 1888, and to take such other action as may be thought proper.

James Hollinger	J W Brummell
Stanton Fields	Houston Singleton
Walter Johnson	Charlie Wilson
J W Macon	W H Thompson
Sam Murrell	L R Rogan
Sidney Garett	Thomas Gohes
Edward Caldwell	Peter Mitchell
Madison Johnson	Calvin Simpson
Alfred Earnest	John Williamson
H Love	J H Huston
B W Nickens	George Howard
Isham Walker	William Zollar
Robert Rogan	James Langford
L King	John Bird
Dan Price	Henry White
Thomas Fields	A Lincoln Bristow
G W Woodford	James Johnson
Gilbert Bernon	Perry Orr
Primus Chase	H Langford

Sales of Real Estate.

John A. Hall to A. K. Hall, lot 6, in block 2, Gault's first addition to Decatur—$1500.

J. M. Hutchinson to L. M. Glazebrook, tract of land in 11, 16, 2—$700.

Caprice.

The Washington *Post* had this to say of Miss Maddern who is to appear at the opera house to-morrow night in "Caprice:"

We have no need to repeat what we said last season in regard to the excellent qualities of Miss Maddern's art-work. Her main characteristics are intelligence and naturalness, with here and there sudden and unlooked-for gleams of instinctive perception and spontaneity and occasional strokes of unconventional method, which sometimes are a revelation of genius. Thus it happens that some simple gesture or utterance of hers will instantly reach the fountain of unbidden tears. Her scope has limits which may readily be defined, but within that scope she is undeniably effective. Her songs, like her acting, have power to touch the feelings. "In the Gloaming" and "I Doubt It" were both heartily encored. Floral offerings were in generous supply, conspicuous among them being the magnificent contribution of a soldier's knapsack and blanket by the Light infantry, in which the flowers were most beautifully arranged.

THOSE who attend the state meeting of Republican clubs at Springfield March 8th, will have an opportunity of hearing an address of ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York. Possibly ex-Gov. Alger, of Michigan, will also be present.

PERSONS wishing to know about placing homeless children in families should consult the Decatur local board of the American Educational Aid Association which is composed of the following gentlemen: J. Millikin, L. Burrows, Rev. G. B. Vosburg, D. S. Shellabarger, Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, J. R. Gorin and Henry Smith, treasurer. Rev. D. F. Carvahan has returned to work for a few days. He is much encouraged in securing homes and contributions.

The Musin Concert.

THE CITIES SPEAK.

New York—"Musin's work is characterized by feeling and elegance, and capitally fitted to arouse the enthusiasm of music lovers."—*New York Times.*

Washington—M. Ovide Musin rendered Leonard's variations on a Hayden theme as if Stradivarius had supplied the instrument and Paganini the genius.—*The National Republican.*

Boston—"Ovide Musin, the violinist, proved to be an artist whose presence will always be welcome here in the future. His playing has the true characteristics of genius, and gives unqualified pleasure. His success was immediate."—*Boston Herald.*

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Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

WHEAT—76 Feb; 76 Mar; 76½ April; 80⅞ May.

CORN—47¼ Feb; 47¼ March; 47⅝ April; 51⅝ May.

OATS—28 Feb; 28¼ Mar; 28½ April; 31¼ May.

PORK—$13.90 March; $13.95 April $14.10 May.

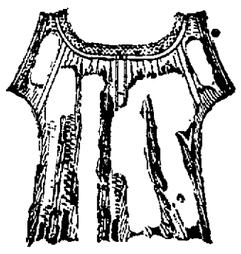
LARD—$7.75 Mar; $7.80 April; $7.87 May.

RIBS—$7.30 Mar; $7.35 April; $7.45 May.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 16,000; prospects firm.

Cattle, 8,000; prospects slow.

Car Lots—Wheat: winter, 11; spring, 48. Corn, 380. Oats, 197.



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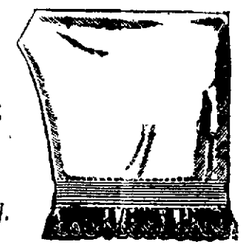

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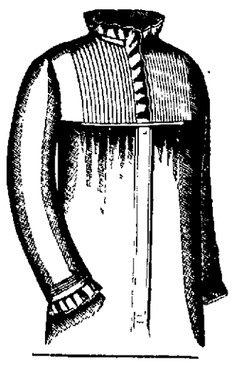

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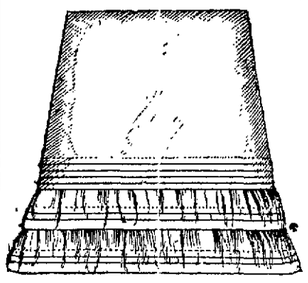

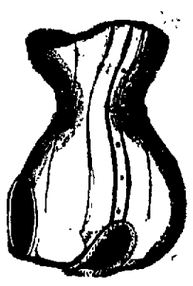

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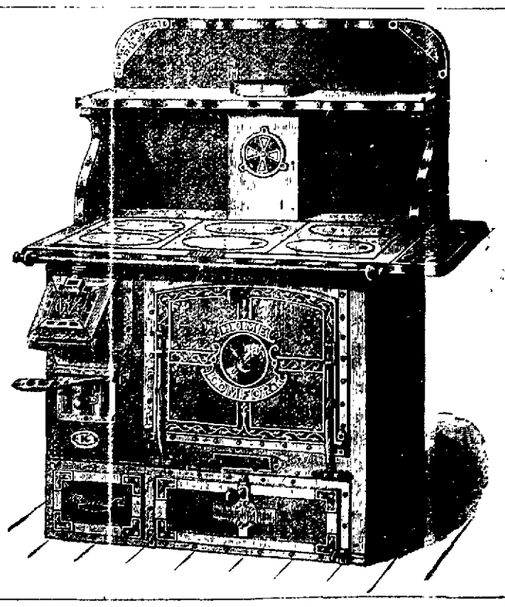

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At 2 p. m., on the premises, without limit or reserve, the block of ground located at the corner of West Main and Pine streets, now occupied by A. Wait as a residence. It will be subdivided into 8 lots, four fronting on West Wood street and four on West Main street, with a frontage of 50 feet each.

If you want the best residence lots in the city wait until March 22, and make your own price and terms. Parties purchasing can make terms of payment to suit themselves, or in ten annual installments, conditions that they improve this season. 10 per cent. of the purchase money will be required to be paid on day of sale, same to be returned when improvements are made. Those who purchase not intending to improve this season, 10 per cent. on day of sale and 15 per cent. in 30 days.

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RICHARD WATSON GILDER, HIS SISTER AND HIS BROTHERS.

A Magazine Editor Who Has Won Signal Success, a Daring and Intrepid Traveler and Brilliant Writer, and the Editors of a Critical Journal.

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—There are few literary characters in America more unobtrusive in personality than Richard Watson Gilder, the editor of The Century. He is content to remain the "man behind the book," and takes more pains in editing a number of the magazine than in publishing one of his own clever little volumes. This is the reason why The Century has become the most widely read of all modern American periodicals, and also why Mr. Gilder is not better known as an author. He has no time for individual effort. From 10 o'clock in the

R. W. GILDER.

morning until 5 in the afternoon of each week day he can be found in his editorial sanctum on Union square, receiving visitors, reading manuscripts and proofs, and assigning work to the large corps of writers and artists under his control. He realizes that he must keep himself familiar with current events in every part of the world. Therefore his reading is extensive and his study of geography profound. He has a method in his labor and a genius for his calling. He knows what the public should want, and he endeavors to furnish it according to the highest standard.

In private life Mr. Gilder is a popular man. His fine culture and common sense, combined with a delicate feeling of modesty, lend a charm to his conversation which is lacking in the brilliant but self conscious small talk of most other literary men. He lives in a small house at 103 East Fifteenth street. It was once a stable, and is situated in the rear of the neighboring houses. A slender iron fence some twenty feet high stands between it and the sidewalk. Behind this a small garden extends to the porch. One who visits Mr. Gilder for the first time will probably be terrified, as he opens the garden gate, to see a huge Newfoundland dog come leaping toward him. This dog is Gilder's pet. A child need not fear him, for he is as gentle as a kitten. He does not leap upon you, as other fond but large brutes will, to demonstrate their affection; but, after rubbing his nose in your hand, follows at a respectful distance, wagging his tail. When you have rapped on the old fashioned knocker of the door and gained admittance, he walks in with you and occupies a position on a rug near the fireplace until he hears his master's footsteps descending the stair. Then out he goes to meet him with a bark and a bound. A moment afterward Gilder appears at the door caressing his favorite, and you have time to note the personal appearance of the man.

Short in stature, slender, with a countenance as dark as a Spaniard's, and as gentle as a woman's, you will probably miss the power in the man until he raises his eyes to greet you. These are deep set and small, but gleam with intelligence. One moment they dream, the next they flash; the third they glitter with humor. In conversing with him you can follow the bent of his thoughts by the varying expressions of his eyes. Generally, when talking, he lays his hand caressingly upon his dog's head, and half addresses his remarks to the brute, half to you. Gilder wears his hair in picturesque, slovenly curls over his forehead.

Gilder is 43 years old. He was born Feb. 8, 1844, at Bordentown, N. J. He early evinced an inclination for literary pursuits, and at 12 years of ago published a little paper called The St. Thomas Register. After engaging in another juvenile newspaper enterprise, he enlisted in the First Philadelphia artillery during our civil war, and served through the emergency campaign of 1863. He made his first essay as a professional journalist in Newark, N. J., where he began as a routine reporter on The Newark Advertiser. Afterward he started, in conjunction with Mr. Newton Crane, a paper called The Newark Morning Register. In this the entire Gilder family became interested. After serving some time as editor of Hours at Home, Mr. Gilder became the managing editor of Scribner's Monthly, under Dr. Holland. Through eleven years he saw the magazine grow to enormous proportions. Its name was changed to The Century, and when Dr. Holland died, in 1881, he became the editor in chief. His subsequent career is too well known to need further comment. The editor of The Century is only one of a remarkable family.

Who of the men about town in New York does not know Col. Will Gilder? The colonel is a man given to loitering at times, but withal is a thoroughly brave and brilliant fellow. He has an enviable reputation for daring, and is the best adapted man for a war correspondent living, at present, in this country. He has traveled in the most rigorous climates of the globe, has written several interesting and instructive books on Arctic experiences, and stands ready today to undertake any expedition, however hazardous, which can be sufficiently backed to offer a reasonable surety of success. Miss Jeannette L. Gilder, the sister of these two distinguished brothers, is also remarkable in her way. She was educated at St. Thomas' hall (now St. St. Joseph's academy), in Flushing, L. I., a female college, of which her father, the Rev. W. H. Gilder, was president. At 16 her schooling ended. Since then she has labored incessantly at literary work. She has been a reporter, a dramatic critic, a book reviewer, an essayist and a correspondent at different times, and in all has brought an enthusiasm to her work which has insured success. At the present time she is associated with her brother, Joseph B. Gilder, in editing The Critic.

J. B. GILDER.

Here is a unique and remarkable publication. It claims to be a weekly review of literature and the arts, and it fills its position admirably. Without entering into such literary discussions as the leading reviews take up, it satisfies the public taste for an intelligent survey of current ideas, as no other publication in the country does. Mr. Joseph B. Gilder is the managing editor of this paper. He is the youngest of the Gilder family. His journalistic career dates from the early part of the year 1874, when he resigned from the Naval Academy at Annapolis to take a position on The Newark Morning Register. In 1877 he came to New York and became a reporter on The Herald. His talents were soon recognized there, and he was made assistant city editor. This position he resigned in December, 1880, in order to accept the position of managing editor on The Critic. He has been appointed treasurer of numerous art exhibitions since, was made treasurer of the Copyright league last year, and is regarded among literary men as a first class financier. He is buried heart and soul in The Critic, is its treasurer as well as managing editor, and has proved his talents by making it a successful paper. J. P. RITTER, JR.

ROMANCES IN HIGH LIFE.

They Do Happen Occasionally, and Here Is an Instance.

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—I don't dare to tell who they are, but there is as pretty a little romance connected with two well known society ladies, whose names are often seen in print, as a novelist ever put in a book.

In her girlhood, the first of these lived in a homely cottage on the outskirts of Newport, the famous watering place of the rich and fashionable. By her neighbors she was known as "the farmer's pretty daughter." He tilled the soil, furnished the big hotels with its products, while she milked the cows and picked the berries that supplied his customers. The cottage was a favorite stopping place for ladies in driving, for they were always sure of a glass of cool, fresh milk and a luscious dish of fruit.

One day, the old farmer forgot to leave a basket of strawberries that had been ordered by a rich old aristocrat named—well, call her Mrs. Van Brunt, that's near enough—and on his return home, told his daughter to take them to her rooms at the hotel. Kate was at first reluctant, for she was well bred, proud, and thought herself as good as anybody, money or no money.

She went, however, was cordially received and left not only the fruit but an impression that changed the current of her life. Mrs. Van Brunt had a young son, handsome, clever, and with a heart like a photograph plate. In the conversation that followed, the wit, beauty and sparkle of the pretty country girl was a revelation. It was an agreeable interruption to the monotony of their fashionable lives.

After this interview, Mrs. Van Brunt was a frequent caller at Little Cottage, and as often accompanied by her stalwart heir, who never failed to insist on seeing "the young lady who prepared such delicious berries and milk."

On one of these occasions, Mrs. Van Brunt, who had become very fond of the farmer's daughter, asked her if she would not like to go abroad and be her guest for a couple of months. Of course, in any ambitious girl's mind there could be but one answer, and, after consulting with her parents, she pronounced an unmistakable yes! All the arrangements being made, the trio, mother, son and rustic belle started on the trip.

From the very first there was a flavor of love in the atmosphere. Kate suffered most; at least appeared to, for she knew "there was millions in it." To the young fellow, who was somewhat tired of ordinary flirtations with the city girls, it was an agreeable episode in his usually sluggish life. For a while the old lady was blind. She had set her heart on a high matrimonial alliance in another quarter, and did not dream of danger as an outcome of the generous friendship she had shown the girl. Every day, however, strengthened the intimacy of the young couple and complicated the meshes of the web that Cupid was weaving. They became almost inseparable, traveling acquaintances looked upon them as betrothed, and finally the son frankly told his mother that he had made up his mind to get married.

The news came like a thunder clap out of a clear sky, and the storm that followed shook up the old aristocrat to such a degree that she threatened to disinherit him. Nothing remained but to return home as quickly as possible and send the girl back to her milk pans and cows. This was done, but shortly after reaching New York, the young man, worried by the opposition of his mother, was taken ill. The illness became so serious that his affiance determined to hasten to his side. She called at the house, but was refused admission. Again and again she applied to see her beloved with the same result, until one day, meeting the mother by accident, she confessed that she was the affianced wife of her son and demanded to see him as a right. The latter was now at the point of death, paralyzed and unconscious, and the proud aristocrat's heart relented. Possibly it was with the hope that the woman he loved best might be the means of restoring him to health. But it was too late. No sign of recognition occurred, and on the following day he died.

In her grief, she prayed forgiveness for the wrong she had done, and folded the country girl to her bosom as an adopted daughter. As such she was received into the family, the portion belonging to the dead heir was settled upon her, and in time she became a central figure in New York's best society.

Two or three years afterward she became the wife of a foreign diplomatist, and now vibrates between the two continents, entertains and is regally entertained, and occupies a sphere to which she would, in any event, be entitled by virtue of her true womanhood.

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THE CROWN PRINCE.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—An official bulletin says the wound in the Crown Prince's throat presents a favorable appearance, and is gradually closing. The cough is the same as on Saturday, with a little more expectoration. The patient's appetite is excellent. Other reports state that the cough is troublesome, and that the matter expectorated is tinged with blood.

OFFICIALLY REPORTED BETTER.

SAN REMO, Feb. 20.—The Crown Prince is officially reported better. His cough is less troublesome. Though doing fairly, he does not show average power of recuperation.

DEAD.

ROME, Feb. 20.—Prince Corti, formerly ambassador to England, is dead.

France.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Anarchist Galis, who created a sensation in Paris last year by firing a pistol from the gallery of the Stock Exchange, at the brokers below, and was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude, has been sentenced to death for attacking his guards at New Caledonia with a pickaxe.

LOOKS WARLIKE.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—*Le Temps* announces that there is great activity in French arsenals. The fighting fleet is being fitted for active service.

Most Excellent.

J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Knoxville Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, and every affection of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Trial bottles free at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. Large size, $1.00. A3

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ABOUT VENTRILOQUISM.

A Professional Explains Some of the Mysteries of the Art.

Asked to explain some of the mysteries of ventriloquism, a professional said:

"I have made my living by it for over a quarter of a century. After twenty years' experience of it I had a severe illness, and was examined by a specialist. His opinion was that the forced changing of the voice did not affect the lungs at all, which so many people seem to think. He said, just what I told you, that it was a peculiar formation of the muscles of the throat. Now look well at my face and tell me if you notice any thing additional to what most folks have. No? Look again in the vicinity of my mouth."

Yes, there were two extra muscles distinctly visible at each corner of the mouth. They had become gradually formed simply through keeping the lips closed while speaking.

"Now I am coming to something interesting. Just try and say the letter 'm,' 'p' and 'b' without moving the lips."

In vain I tried, but could not succeed.

"Ah! there's the rub. Words with those letters in them are the most difficult to pronounce, but by incessant practice I have found out a means of getting them quite naturally, and they are produced with the tips of the tongue and the teeth.

"Some ventriloquists substitute 'slur' words in difficult sentences. 'I wish mamma was here,' would sound 'I wish nanna was here,'" and he illustrated his words as he spoke.

"The ventriloquists of bygone days all wore big mustaches in order to hide the movement of the lips, and I don't mind admitting that the first time I opened in the business I was somewhat nervous and wore a false mustache myself. I will show you a thoroughly effective sample of ventriloquism which any one can test for themselves.

"Remember," he said, "this art is a natural gift; there is not the slightest trickery about it. We will suppose you are not naturally a ventriloquist. Very well, then. Here is a capital little method whereby a good effect can be produced. Are you ready?"

He then took from the table an ordinary tumbler, saying: "See, there is no deception," and placed it on the cloth again.

Standing about a couple of feet from the table he commenced:

"Hallo! how are you getting on down there? Eh! what say? Can't you hear me—speak a little louder?" And coming nearer and nearer to the tumbler, he continued speaking until his mouth was close to the edge of the glass, when somebody seemed to answer down in the cellar and in quite a different voice: "Oh, I'm pretty well; how are you?"

I tested the simple plan and found it remarkably easy to accomplish. The whole effect is produced by speaking into the glass; the voice is compressed into a small space, and it is perhaps the most practical illustration of what ventriloquism really is.

This idea can be easily developed by the making of a small table—such as conjurors use—with a hole in the center to receive the glass, a secret sliding lid to hide the opening, and with a fringe of cloth to prevent the tumbler being seen, the apparatus is complete.—*London Tit-Bits.*

—The abbreviations of California and Colorado, "Cal." and "Col." look so much alike in ordinary handwriting, and letters have so often gone wrong in consequence, that Californians are begining to abbreviate the name of their State thus: "Calif."

—Getting up with the son is a common practice where there is a teething boy baby in the family.—*Exchange.*

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JAMES HOLLINGER has purchased the barber shop in the north end of Central Block, where all old friends and new callers as well will receive a hearty welcome, and get shaving work done in first-class style. Hair cutting a specialty.
dec19-d1m

KNOWING the tremendous advance in Coffee within the past year, the reader will be surprised—we repeat it, surprised—to see what an excellent coffee can be had for 25c per pound at
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THE Hercules white shirts are the best and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS.
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SEE the "Home Comfort" Ranges at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s. daw

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The Decatur Coal Company is always prepared to supply the local trade with fuel at the lowest ruling prices. Prompt delivery a specialty. Up-town office at Armstrong's drug store—telephone 227.
Oct3-dtf

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FOR RENT, FOR SALE, WANTED, &c.

[Notices in this column, of five lines or less will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.]

FOUND—On Main street, on February 16, a new bread axe, which the owner can recover by paying for this notice. Call at my residence. HENRY AMMANN, East Cantrell St. 2-d6

FOR RENT—A brick house of seven rooms on South Main street. Apply at 456 South Main street. M. P. MURPHEY. 20-d6

FOR SALE—A span of good mules and a five year old brood mare. Apply to Minor Brook, the dairyman. 16-d3t

FOR SALE CHEAP—A good cow, will be fresh the first of April. A chance for a bargain. Cow must be sold this week—955 W. Main, Decatur. 16-d6

FOR RENT—The third floor over "The Fair." Six rooms, will be rented to one family. Also, the two south rooms, 3d floor, over Abel's carpet store. Enquire of W. F. BUSHER. feb16-dtf

WANTED—Immediately, a first-class carriage painter. Bring recommendations. Good wages. Apply at 159 E. Wood St.
9-d6 C. W. FREAR.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms at No. 335 West William street, convenient to a first-class boarding house. 8-d6

WANTED—A comfortably furnished room for a single gentleman. Address Z, REPUBLICAN office. feb8-d6

DISSOLUTION NOTICE—The firm of Stanton & Hughes, manufacturers of metal cornices, skylights, etc., was dissolved February 3, 1888, by mutual consent. All settlements will be made by J. S. Hughes, who will continue the business as heretofore. M. P. STANTON
Feb13-d2w J. S. HUGHES.

WANTED—Young men and ladies to know that a good handwriting, rapidity and accuracy in figures, are indispensable in business, and lack of these requisites prevent you from obtaining remunerative employment. If you expect to succeed you should attend the day or evening session of the Central Business College, 262 N. Water street. H. NELSON, Principal.
feb1-d1mo

WANTED—Young ladies to learn shorthand. The business of amanuenses is light, pleasant and profitable. This like any other calling requires thorough preparation, which can be had at the Central Business College, 262 North Water street, for a moderate outlay.
Feb 13w H. NELSON, Principal.

FOR RENT, Cheap, a house of four rooms. Enquire on the premises, 705 North Union St.

REMOVAL NOTICE—M. C. Lilly, formerly of under Decatur National Bank, has removed to 310 North Water street, opposite First M. E. church, 2nd door, where he is prepared to do all kinds of jobbing work, and makes a specialty of edge tool dressing, gunsmithing, locks and keys, gasoline stoves, &c., &c. M. C. LILLY.
jan6-dtf

MATTRESSES.—Mattresses and feathers renovated by the latest improved machinery at the Mattress Factory, 653 N. Broadway. Also mattresses exchanged for feathers. Give us a call or telephone 153.
nov19-dtf COX & CHAMBERLAIN.

OFFICE FOR RENT—Over B. Stine's clothing store. Rent reasonable. Call at
oct18-dtf B. STINE'S.

FOR RENT—A house of four rooms and outside kitchen, with good cellar, well and cistern. Inquire of F. W. NIEDERMAYER, on the Mound. sept12-dtf

WANTED—Everybody to know that Bachman Bros. 218, East Main Street, have on hand a lot of second-hand Stoves, GOOD AS NEW, which will be sold at HALF PRICE. July1-dtf

FOR RENT—The office lately occupied by the late Justice Lowry. Inquire at the REPUBLICAN office. 15-dtf

MONEY to loan in large and small amounts. Loans made on live stock, farm implements, or household goods. All classes of loans negotiated on short notice. Loans on farms and city business property at 6 per cent. interest. Apply to A. T. SUMMERS over New York Store. July 16d&w

ST. Nicholas Hotel

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.

South Side of Old Square, Decatur.

Administrators Sale of Real Estate to Pay Debts.

Estate of George B. Whitacre, deceased.

By virtue of a decretal order of the county court of Macon County, Illinois, entered of record on the seventh day of February, A. D., 1888, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, on the twenty-second (22d) day of March, A. D., 1888, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the entrance to the stairway on South Water street in Decatur, Illinois, commonly known as the west entrance or west door of the Court House of Macon County, Illinois, the following described real estate of said decedent, to wit: Lots number three (3) and four (4) in Russell B. Rogers second addition to the town of Argenta, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois, in order to pay the debts of said estate and costs of administration. Said sale will be for cash in hand, and the purchaser will be given immediate possession of the premises. ROBERT M. MACHAN,
Administrator with the will annexed of the above estate
JOHNS & RANDOLPH, Attorneys for Petitioner. Feb20-d4w

Southern Land Excursion.

The Illinois Central R. R. will sell round trip tickets to Jackson, Tenn; Aberdeen, Jackson, and Artesia, Miss.; Hammond, Crowley, Jennings, Welsh and Lake Charles, Louisiana; Citronville, Alabama; and points in Texas, at a rate of one limited fare for the round trip, on the following dates, viz: Feb. 21st, March 6th and 20th, April 3d and 24th, May 8th and 22d, and June 5th. These are the lowest rates ever made to these points, and parties who desire to visit the south should by all means take advantage of them. For full information, circulars, excursion bills, &c., apply to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa. J. F. MERRY,
febs Gen. West. Pass. Agt.

Spring Wagons.

Hand-made, and at prices to suit all. Also a few second-hand Spring Wagons newly painted, and in good shape, at the BLUEGRASS Carriage Shop.
July 28-wtf

Beautiful Shawls,

In Fall and Winter weights, extremely handsome, and at low prices.
d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

A CHILD can buy at Cheap Charley's as well as any man. d&wtf

THE Hercules white shirts are the best and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS.
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SPECIAL inducements offered at J. R Race & Co.'s on Overcoats. daw

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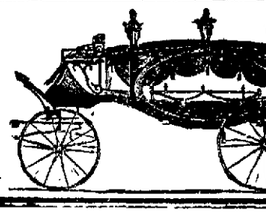
FUNERAL DIRECTOR,



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PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at public auction at my place six miles northwest of Harristown and five miles southwest of Warrensburg, on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1888,

the following property. SIXTEEN HORSES, consisting of 3 half-draft mares, 1 Robert Allen mare, very large and stylish, 2 three-year old Robert Allen horse colts, 1 Young Robert Allen (quarter draft) yearling and 1 quarter draft weanling, a span of well broke young mules and several good serviceable mares, some of them with foal. SIX pure bred young SHORT-HORN BULLS, the property of Lewis Stookey. Three excellent MILCH COWS, soon to be fresh. Also a large lot of FARMING IMPLEMENTS. Six wagons, top buggy, open buggy, cart, spring wagon, etc., harness, riding and walking plows, 2 mower, hay rodder, hay derrick, spring tooth rake, new planter and check rower, 3 new cultivators, fanning mill and a great many small tools.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp.

TERMS—A credit of nine months will be given on all sums over $10, six per cent off for cash; $10 and under, cash.

L. R. MORSE.

J. W. THORNHILL, Auctioneer.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Martha Smith, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Martha Smith, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estat ear requested to make immediate payment to th undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1888.

SHERMAN SMITH,
Administrator of Estate of Martha Smith.
jan20 d3w

Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1888.

Isaac Gebhart vs. Mary J. Gebhart—Divorce.

Affidavit of the non-residence in this state of said Mary J. Gebhart, the defendant in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, notice is hereby given to the said Mary J. Gebhart that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said Court, on the Chancery side thereof, which suit is still pending, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said Court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next term of said Court, to be held at the Court House in the city of Decatur, in said Macon county, on the first Monday in the month of June, A. D. 1888.

Now unless you, the said Mary J. Gebhart, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as true, and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
B. I. STERRETT, Sol. for Com. feb3-d4w

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JOHN McNULTA, Receiver. S. W. SNOW, Gen'l Passenger Agent, CHICAGO.

Executor's Notice.

Estate of Henry Rue, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Executor of the estate of Henry Rue late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, 1888, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1888.

HENRY MEYER, Executor.
j31-3w*